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1. South China railroads such as Canton-Hankow and Chekiang-Kiangsi, as operated under the Nationalist Regime, were most inefficient /See [REDACTED]. A rectifiable reason for this inefficiency of operation was that there was no centralized dispatching system on either line. In addition, rail crews were not inclined to run their train at night, mainly through force of habit.
2. As of 1949, the lack of a centralized dispatching system necessitated re-clearance at each station along the way. Communications system could have been improved readily through installation of more switchboards and telephones from large stocks stored outside of Shanghai. /See microfilm Pre-Project Engineering Reports, Chekiang-Kiangsi, Canton-Hankow Railroads, on file in [REDACTED]. Establishment of a central dispatching system and night running would increase efficiency of operation on a railroad by 50%.
3. With communication system of Canton-Hankow or Chekiang-Kiangsi railroads as it existed in 1949, a modest centralized dispatching system could have been effected. The only ingredient lacking at that time was administrative intelligence.

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